
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Firearms (Fees) Regulations 2019

PART 2

Fees relating to authority under section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968

Interpretation of this Part

2. In this Part—

“carrier authority” means an authority granted under section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968 in relation to a person carrying on business transporting prohibited weapons or prohibited ammunition;

“competitive shooting authority” means an authority under section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968 granted in relation to a person training for, or competing in, a sporting competition;

“dealer authority” means an authority under section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968 granted in relation to a firearms dealer⁽¹⁾, except where the authority is granted to a museum which holds a licence under the Schedule to the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988;

“exhibitor authority” means an authority granted under section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968 in relation to a person exhibiting prohibited weapons or prohibited ammunition at an arms fair held in England, Wales or Scotland;

“maritime security authority” means an authority granted under section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968 in relation to a person carrying on business providing on-board, armed protection to ships or other sea-going vessels;

“trophy of war authority” means an authority granted under section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968 authorising a person to temporarily possess a firearm which was acquired as a trophy of war.

Authority to require payment of fees in connection with authorities for prohibited weapons under section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968

3.—(1) The appropriate national authority⁽²⁾ may require payment of a fee before a relevant section 5 authority is granted, varied or renewed.

(2) “Relevant section 5 authority” means—

- (a) a dealer authority;
- (b) a carrier authority;
- (c) an exhibitor authority;
- (d) a maritime security authority;
- (e) a trophy of war authority;
- (f) a competitive shooting authority.

(1) For the meaning of “firearms dealer” see section 57(4) of the Firearms Act 1968.

(2) For the definition of “appropriate national authority” see section 32ZA(7) of the Firearms Act 1968.

Fees payable in connection with an authority to purchase, sell, manufacture etc. prohibited weapons under section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968

4.—(1) Where, in accordance with regulation 3, the appropriate national authority requires payment of a fee in relation to a dealer authority, the amount of the fee is—

- (a) before a dealer authority is granted, £796.00;
- (b) before a dealer authority is renewed, £747.00;
- (c) before a dealer authority is varied, the aggregate of the following amounts—
 - (i) where there is to be at least one type A variation, £425.00;
 - (ii) where there is to be at least one type B variation, £206.00; and
 - (iii) where there is to be at least one type C variation, £36.00.

(2) The types of variations referred to in paragraph (1)(c) are—

<i>1. Type</i>	<i>2. Variation</i>
A	Substitution of the premises in relation to which the authority is granted
A	Addition of premises in relation to which the authority is granted
A	Change, other than a reduction, to the authorised quantities of prohibited weapons
A	Change, other than a reduction, to the authorised quantities of prohibited ammunition
A	Change to the authorised type of prohibited weapons
A	Change to the authorised type of prohibited ammunition
A	Change to an activity carried on by the firearms dealer in relation to which the authority has been granted
B	Substitution of person named on the authority
B	Addition of person named on the authority
C	Any other variation.

Fees payable in connection with an authority to transport prohibited weapons under section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968

5.—(1) Where, in accordance with regulation 3, the appropriate national authority requires payment of a fee in relation to a carrier authority, the amount of the fee is—

- (a) before a carrier authority is granted, £569.00;
- (b) before a carrier authority is renewed, £540.00;
- (c) before a carrier authority is varied, the aggregate of the following amounts—
 - (i) where there is to be at least one type A variation, £361.00;
 - (ii) where there is to be at least one type B variation, £206.00; and
 - (iii) where there is to be at least one type C variation, £36.00.

(2) The types of variations referred to in paragraph (1)(c) are—

<i>1. Type</i>	<i>2. Variation</i>
A	Substitution of the premises in relation to which the authority is granted
A	Addition of premises in relation to which the authority is granted

<i>1. Type</i>	<i>2. Variation</i>
B	Substitution of person named on the authority
B	Addition of person named on the authority
C	Any other variation.

Fees payable in connection with an authority for private maritime security companies for prohibited weapons under section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968

6.—(1) Where, in accordance with regulation 3, the appropriate national authority requires payment of a fee in relation to a maritime security authority, the amount of the fee is—

- (a) before a maritime security authority is granted, £616.00;
- (b) before a maritime security authority is renewed, £565.00;
- (c) before a maritime security authority is varied, the aggregate of the following amounts—
 - (i) where there is to be at least one—
 - (aa) type A variation, £361.00;
 - (bb) type B variation, £206.00;
 - (cc) type C variation, £49.00; and
 - (dd) type D variation, £316.00; and
 - (ii) additionally, where there is a type D variation, for each armed guard for whom approval is sought, £48.00.

(2) The types of variations referred to in paragraph (1)(c) are—

<i>1. Type</i>	<i>2. Variation</i>
A	Substitution of the premises where prohibited weapons or prohibited ammunition are stored
A	Addition of premises where prohibited weapons or prohibited ammunition are stored
A	Change, other than a reduction, to the authorised quantities of prohibited weapons, but only when not accompanied by a type D variation
A	Change to the authorised type of prohibited weapons
B	Substitution of the person named on the authority
B	Addition of person named on the authority
C	Any other variation, except for a type D variation
D	Approval of armed guard.

(3) In this regulation—

“armed guard” means a person authorised to possess, acquire and transfer prohibited weapons or prohibited ammunition under a maritime security authority.

Fee payable in connection with authority under section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968 to possess a trophy of war

7. Where, in accordance with regulation 3, the appropriate national authority requires payment of a fee before a trophy of war authority is granted, the amount of the fee is £206.00.

Fee payable in connection with authority under section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968 to exhibit at an arms fair

8. Where, in accordance with regulation 3, the appropriate national authority requires payment of a fee before an exhibitor authority is granted, the amount of the fee is £389.00.

Fee payable in connection with authority under section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968 for competitive shooting

9. Where, in accordance with regulation 3, the appropriate national authority requires payment of a fee before a competitive shooting authority is granted, the amount of the fee is £206.00.

Discount applicable to certain section 5 applications

10.—(1) This regulation applies where—

- (a) a person has applied for a qualifying authority to be granted or renewed;
- (b) the appropriate national authority requires payment of a qualifying fee before the authority is granted or renewed; and
- (c) the person has, in connection with the person’s application for a qualifying authority to be granted or renewed, also made an application to be a registered firearms dealer under section 33 of the Firearms Act 1968⁽³⁾.

(2) Where this regulation applies, the qualifying fee is reduced by the amount of the fee payable on the registration of the person as a firearms dealer, specified in section 35(1) of the Firearms Act 1968.

(3) In this regulation—

“qualifying authority” means—

- (a) a dealer authority;
- (b) a maritime security authority; or
- (c) an exhibitor authority;

“qualifying fee” means the fee specified in—

- (a) regulation 4(1)(a) or (b) (grant or renewal of dealer authority);
- (b) regulation 6(1)(a) or (b) (grant or renewal of maritime security authority); or
- (c) regulation 8 (grant of exhibitor authority).

(3) Section 33 was amended by section 13 of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988 and section 42 of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997.